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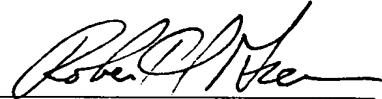
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☒ Japanese Utility Model Publication 29-6109 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 2363780 and Japanese Laid open Patent Publication No. 62-159804 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4645398. English translation of the other documents is not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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